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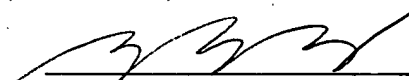
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APPENDAGE OCCLUSION  
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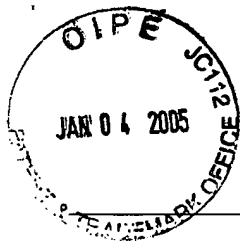
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicant: van der Burg, et al.  
Application Number: 09/435,562  
Filing Date: November 8, 1999  
Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR LEFT  
ATRIAL APPENDAGE OCCLUSION  
Examiner Name: Glenn K. Dawson  
Group Art Unit: 3731

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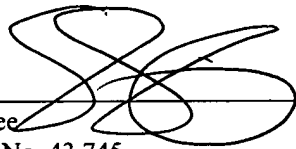
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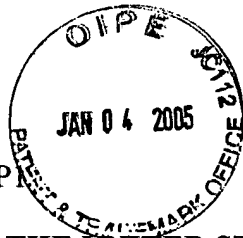
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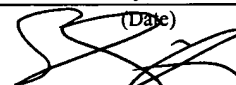
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 4, 2004**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action of October 4, 2004, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.